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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	10/009,477
Filing Date	December 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Masahiro IMOTO et al.
Art Unit	1624
Examiner Name	Deepak R. Rao
Attorney Docket Number	100598.50521US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on March 16, 2004
- iii ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323
- i ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed
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Name (Print/Type)	Herbert I. Cantor/Lawrence E. Carter	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	24,392/51,532
Signature	<i>Lawrence E. Carter</i>	Date	September 16, 2004

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT **(\$770.00)**

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Charge any deficiency or credit any overpayments to the deposit account of the undersigned. Attorney Docket No. 080437.49166☐ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application.☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1001	2001	770	385	Utility filing fee
1002	2002	340	170	Design filing fee
1003	2003	530	265	Plant filing fee
1004	2004	770	385	Reissue filing fee
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee

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SUBTOTAL (1)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	x	=
Indep. Claims	-3** =	x	=
Multiple Dependent			=

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1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	290	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	86	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	2053	130	130	Non-English specification
1812	2520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing
1451	2451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee
1406	2406	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	2807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	2806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	2021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	770	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	2810	770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	2801	770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	2802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

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Other fee (specify)

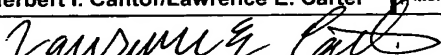
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